

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
DECEMBER 16, 2019  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2019-0620  
4509 CRESTWAY DRIVE**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1952 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story Ranch house clad in painted shingles and brick veneer. Its picture windows, cross-gabled roof, and deep eaves with exposed rafter tails are typical of the Ranch style. It features a standing-seam metal roof and box columns at the shed-roofed covered entrance.

**RESEARCH**

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The house was built between 1950 and 1952 by John G. and Ethel Barrow. John Graves Barrow was a missionary, a linguist, and a former librarian for the Library of Congress. His wife Ethel was the daughter of Congregationalist missionaries and was active with her husband in the Friends Services community of Austin. After his career as a scholar and emissary to the Far East, John G. Barrow returned to Austin to work in the successful family real estate and insurance brokerage business before retiring in the 1960s. After John Graves Barrow's death in 1979, his son John Gulick Barrow, an artist, moved into the house with his wife Leah, where they remained until at least 1992.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The windows and front door were replaced in 2012.

*Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark*

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain moderate integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two historic designation criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352).
  - a) *Architecture*. The house displays stylistic influences of the Ranch style.
  - b) *Historical association*. The house does not appear to meet the criterion for significant historical association, though the Commission may choose to consider the Barrows' contributions to Austin's civic and business spheres.
  - c) *Archaeology*. The house was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.
  - d) *Community value*. The house does not possess a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the city, the neighborhood, or a particular demographic group.
  - e) *Landscape feature*. The property is not a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.




**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package, consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center.

## LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 333'

#### NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2019-0620

LOCATION: 4509 CRESTWAY DRIVE

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## PROPERTY INFORMATION

### *Photos*



*Photos: Zillow.com*

### *Occupancy History*

City Directory Research, Austin History Center, December 2019

1992	John G. and Leah Barrow, owners Artist
1985-86	John G. and Leah Barrow, owners Artist
1981	Ethel G. Barrow, owner Retired
1977	John G. Barrow, owner Retired
1973	John G. Barrow, owner Retired
1968	John G. Barrow, owner Retired
1965	John G. and Ethel G. Barrow, owners Retired



- 1963 John G. and Ethel G. Barrow, owners  
Barrow Company
- 1960 John G. and Ethel G. Barrow, owners  
Barrow Company
- 1957 John G. and Ethel G. Barrow, owners  
Barrow Company
- 1955 John G. and Ethel G. Barrow, owners  
Barrow Company Real Estate & Insurance
- 1952 John G. and Ethel G. Barrow, owners  
Student  
Barrow Company
- 1949 Address not listed

### *Biographical Information*

**BARROW, John Graves, 87, 4509 Crestway Drive, died April 14. Memorial services 2 p.m. Sunday at Friends Meeting of Austin. Survivors: wife, Ethel Gulick Barrow of Austin; sons, John Gulick Barrow of Austin, Ted L. Barrow of Del Norte, Colo.; sisters, Mamie Dell Barrow of Austin, Anne Barrow Lappe of Kingsland; brother, David B. Barrow of Austin; four grandchildren. (Weed-Corley)**

*The Austin American Statesman; May 17, 1979*

## **Linguist-librarian Barrow, 87, buried**

**John Graves Barrow, linguist, librarian and Austin resident since 1950, was buried Monday.**

Barrow, 87, graduated from the University of Texas and later earned his Ph.D. from Yale Divinity School. He taught English and etiquette at Lingnan University and, after learning to speak Cantonese, became the consultant for Chinese affairs for Webster's International Dictionary.

Barrow also was a former librarian for the Library of Congress, and a coordinator of exchange programs for Near and Far Eastern students for the one-time Department of Education.

After moving to Austin, Barrow worked for the family real-estate and insurance business and was instrumental in the establishment of the Friends Meeting of Austin.

Following his retirement, he compiled a noted theological reference work, "Bibliography of Bibliographies of Religion."

Barrow is survived by his wife, Ethel, Austin; two sons; four grandchildren; a brother; and two sisters. Funeral services were Monday at Weed-Corley Funeral Home.

*The Austin American Statesman; Apr 17, 1979*

# Missionaries' Memorabilia Shipped to Harvard Library

By DON ADAMS  
Staff Writer

Some 65,000 letters in more than 30 boxes weighing some 600 pounds were mailed for the last time Tuesday by an Austin family who had collected them for four generations of missionaries whose work in the Far East spanned about 100 years.

The letters, along with diaries, memoranda, lecture and sermon notes, and other memorabilia, were sent to Harvard University's Houghton Library rare book and manuscript collection by Dr. and Mrs. John Graves Barrow of 4309 Crestway.

Mrs. Barrow's brother, the Rev. Leeds Gulick, visiting the Barrows in Austin over the winter, helped ship the boxes to Houghton librarian Dr. W. H. Bond.

For Gulick, it was a kind of farewell. The last in a line of four generations of Gulicks who have worked as Congregationalists in missionary work abroad, Gulick is retired and plans to go to Florida for the summer.

But he remembers Ebon, a South Pacific island in Micronesia, where his father's ashes are buried, where his grandfather conducted missionary work, and where he himself was

ordained after World War II.

He also remembers a childhood in Japan, where he was born at Osaka, and the work he did in Japan after graduating from college in Oberlin, Ohio.

The first Gulick to become a

missionary was the Rev. Peter J. Gulick, Mrs. Barrow's great-grandfather, an evangelist for the Presbyterian Church who was among the second group of missionaries sent to the Sandwich Islands (present-day Hawaii) in 1827.

Born in Freehold, N.J., Peter Gulick was baptized in 1797, and was 30 when he first went to Honolulu.

His son, Dr. Luther Halsey Gulick, left Hawaii at the age of 12 to study in Boston. He later returned to the South Pacific to serve in Hawaii, Micronesia, Japan, and China. He also went to Italy and Spain, to convert Catholics to the "true religion" of Protestantism.

Mrs. Barrow said her great-grandfather was the only Gulick who was a Presbyterian. The others were Congregationalists, a branch which split from the Presbyterians over the issue of baptismal immersion.

Dr. Gulick, working in Micronesia, saved the natives from a plague of smallpox which had been introduced to the islands by sailors. The Rev. Leeds Gulick said Dr. Gulick, having no vaccine available, inoculated himself with the germ, and from the infection of his own body devised a vaccine with which he inoculated all the islanders.

He is also known as the man who introduced the Mu-Mu dress to the South Sea Islands. Since he had to baptize the natives he converted, he could not do so in good conscience unless they were clothed. Having no one else available to make the dresses for the women, he got an old Mother Hubbard and patterned the dresses he himself made after this garment. From that beginning, the Mu-Mu has developed, Mrs. Barrow said.

Dr. Gulick's son, Luther Halsey Gulick II, introduced physical education classes to the New York city school system, and edited a group of books on hygiene which were studied in almost all schools in the nation about 40 years ago.

Luther Halsey Gulick III, nephew of Luther Gulick II, is a public administrator who once served as New York City's city manager, and is still sought by foreign governments for administrative advice.

Mrs. Barrow's father, and son of the elder Dr. Luther Gulick, was the Rev. Dr. Sidney Lewis Gulick, 1868-1945, a missionary to Japan. He was decorated by the Japanese emperor for his religious work, and was

a noted scholar. His principal book, "East and West," is a study of the comparative philosophies of the Eastern and Western hemispheres.

Mrs. Barrow herself married a missionary, Dr. John G. Barrow, a graduate of Yale who served in China. Dr. Barrow, who in 1924 was one of the con-

tributing editors (Chinese words) to the compilation of the second edition of Webster's International Dictionary, is the man who prepared the family letters, filed them chronologically and placed them in manila envelopes, to send to the Harvard library.

"There were 95 individual

Gulicks who were missionaries, between 1813 and 1964, whose letters we collected," he said. "We had the letters in small scattered bundles for about 10 years, and didn't know what to do with them. We finally decided to send them to the Houghton collection, because the

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions has turned over all its old papers to Harvard."

The board (also known as the Congregational Board) was the body which sent all the Gulicks on their missionary assignments.

The papers bundled and

shipped Tuesday also contained correspondence from 2,500 other persons and institutions, Dr. Barrow said, which were related to the Gulick missionaries and their work.

The Rev. Leeds Gulick, who retired two years ago, said his son, Lewis Gulick, is an Asso-

ciated Press correspondent in Washington, D.C., and did not choose to follow the missionary tradition of the family.

But Lewis Gulick's son, Peter Leeds Gulick, not many months old, may still take up the tradition where it was left off, Rev. Gulick said.

*The Austin Statesman; May 27, 1966*

## Church Groups Request Abandonment of H-Bomb

Representatives of three church groups Friday called for abandonment of the H-bomb regardless of what others do, in a statement made public in Austin by John G. Barrow, chairman of the southwest regional committee of the American Friends Service Committee.

"Man cannot serve both Christ and the bomb," said a statement issued by members of the Mennonite Central Committee, Brethren Service Commission, and American Friends Service Committee.

The Good Friday statement said: "Today our thoughts go back 2,000 years ago to Calvary, but for mankind in 1954 the cross of

Christ stands in the shadow of the cross of hydrogen.

"Two crosses: One standing for redemptive love and forgiveness, for the acceptance of suffering, for hope, for life; the other for hatred and massive retaliation, for the infliction of suffering, for fear, for death. One proclaims that evil is overcome with good; the other that evil can only be met with evil.

"Man cannot serve both Christ and the bomb. He must choose which is to be his master. Let us choose the cross of Christ. Let us cease deluding ourselves: Peace cannot be built from fear. Men do not gather grapes from thorns. Let us be done with these fearful weapons, regardless of what others do.

"Whether the bomb is a tool to deter or to destroy, it is not the sign by which men conquer. 'Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord.'"

*The Austin Statesman; Apr 16, 1954*

### Building Permits

OWNER	John Barrow	ADDRESS	4509 Crestway Drive
PLAT	283	LOT	1
		BLK.	A
SUBDIVISION	Balcones Park, Sec. 1		
OCCUPANCY	Addition to create a duplex		
BLDG. PERMIT #	188870	DATE	12/11/79
		OWNERS ESTIMATE	10,000.00
CONTRACTOR	Owner	NO. OF FIXTURES	
WATER TAP REC#		SEWER TAP REC#	

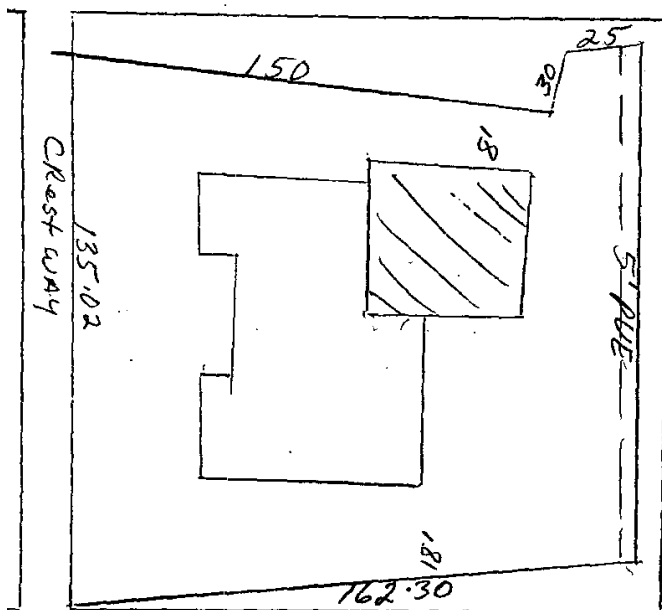
Address: 4509 Crestway Dr		Permit: 188870		Plat: 283	
Lot: I		Block: A		Subdivision: BALCONES PK Sec. I	
Fire Zone: 3		Use Dist. A-1		Occupancy: ADDN to Res to Create A Duplex	
1-7-79 Layout		3/10/8 Framing		4/24/80 Final	
Foundation		Floor joist size & o.c.		Bldg. Conn.	Parking
Front setback		ceiling joist size & o.c.	2x6 16"	Room Vent.	Exits
Total & Min. side yard		stud size & o.c.	2x4 16"	Stairs	Exit lights
Side St. Yard				Rails	Fences
				Attic Vent.	Corridors
				Insulation	
Type Const.		W. Insulation	R-11	Hood Vent.	
Spec. Permit #		Sheetrock		Glass	
BOA		Commercial Sheetrock		Deadbolts	
		Occup. Sep.		Fireplaces	
		Thru out			
Owner: JOHN BARROW			Contractor:		

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Clerk: [Signature] Date: 12-11-79

Address:



Inspector: [Signature]

Addition permit, 12-11-79

